



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Benson et al.

Serial No.: 10/633,025

Filed: August 1, 2003

For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR
FORMING COMPOSITE STIFFENERS
AND REINFORCING STRUCTURES

Confirmation No.: 4729

Examiner: E. Lee

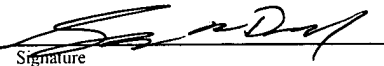
Group Art Unit: 1732

Attorney Docket No.: 2507-5936US
(22025-US)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

January 19, 2006
Date


Signature

Shawnee L. MacDonald
Name (Type/Print)

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 19, 2005, the initial period for response to which expires on January 19, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3

of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings appear on page 14 of this paper and include both a full set of formal drawings as amended herein and annotated sheets showing the changes made.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached immediately following page 16 of this paper, which includes a clean version of the substitute specification;

Appendix B is attached immediately following Appendix A of this paper, which includes a marked-up version of the substitute specification showing the changes made; and

Appendix C is attached immediately following Appendix B of this paper which includes a full set of formal drawings as amended herein and annotated sheets of the amended figures showing the changes.